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NEW, CONTINUATION, DIVISIONAL OR
CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

Attorney Docket No. 9432-000122
Express Mail Label No. EL 486 600 359 US
Date October 27, 2000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R §1.53(b) is a patent application for DATA HIDING IN COMMUNICATION

identified by: ☐ First named inventor _____
or ☒ Attorney Docket No. (see above)

1. Type of Application

- ☒ This application is a new (non-continuing) application.
- ☐ This application is a ☐ continuation / ☐ divisional / ☐ continuation-in-part of prior application No. _____. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
- This is a [continuation/division/continuation-in-part] of United States patent application No. _____, filed _____.--
- ☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

If for some reason applicant has not requested a sufficient extension of time in the parent application, and/or has not paid a sufficient fee for any necessary response in the parent application and/or for the extension of time necessary to prevent the abandonment of the parent application prior to the filing of this application, please consider this as a Request for an Extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any fee that may be due. THIS FORM IS BEING FILED IN TRIPLICATE: one copy for this application; one copy for use in connection with the Deposit Account (if applicable); and one copy for the above-mentioned parent application (if any extension of time is necessary).

2. Contents of Application

- a. ☒ Specification of 21 pages;
☐ A microfiche computer program (Appendix);
☐ A nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence submission;
- ☐ Because the enclosed application is in a non-English language, a verified English translation ☐ is enclosed ☐ will be filed.
- ☐ Cancel original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing date purposes.)
- b. ☒ Drawings on 8 sheets;

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- c. ☒ A signed Oath/Declaration ☒ is enclosed / ☐ will be filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f).

The enclosed Oath/Declaration is ☒ newly executed / ☐ a copy from a prior application under 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d) / ☐ accompanied by a statement requesting the deletion of person(s) not inventors in the continuing application.

d. **Fees**

FILING FEE	Number		Number		Basic Fee	
CALCULATION	Filed		Extra		Rate	
Total Claims	25	- 20 =	5	×	\$18.00 =	90.00
Independent Claims	3	- 3 =	0	×	\$80.00 =	-0-
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) Used					\$270.00 =	
FILING FEE - NON-SMALL ENTITY						\$800.00
FILING FEE - SMALL ENTITY: Reduction by 1/2						
[] Verified Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 is enclosed.						
[] Verified Statement filed in prior application.						
Assignment Recordal Fee (\$40.00)						\$40.00
37 C.F.R. §1.17(k) Fee (non-English application)						
TOTAL						\$840.00

- ☒ A check is enclosed to cover the calculated fees. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-0750. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

- ☐ The calculated fees will be paid within the time allotted for completion of the filing requirements.

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3. **Priority Information**

- ☐ **Foreign Priority:** Priority based on _____ Application No. _____, filed _____, is claimed.

- ☐ A copy of the above referenced priority document ☐ is enclosed / ☐ will be filed in due course, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d).

- ☐ **Provisional Application Priority:** Priority based on United States Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

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4. **Other Submissions**

☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, _____ sheets of PTO Form 1449, and _____ patent(s)/publications/documents are enclosed.

☒ A power of attorney

☒ is submitted ☐ with the new Oath/Declaration.

☐ is of record in the prior application and ☐ is in the original papers / ☐ a copy is enclosed.

☒ An Assignment of the invention

☒ is enclosed with a cover sheet pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§3.11, 3.28 and 3.31.

☐ is of record in a prior application. The assignment is to _____, and is recorded at Reel _____, Frame(s) _____.

☐ An Establishment of Assignee's Right To Prosecute Application Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b), and Power Of Attorney is enclosed.

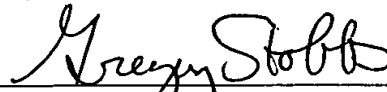
☒ An Express Mailing Certificate is enclosed.

☒ Other: Acknowledgment postcard

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EXPRESS MAILING CERTIFICATE

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Serial No (if any): To Be Assigned

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I hereby certify and verify that the accompanying *3-page transmittal (in duplicate)* Check for \$840.00; 21-page patent application; Declaration and Power of Attorney; eight (8) sheets of drawings; Cover Sheet for Recordal of Document (in duplicate); and Assignment by Inventors are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office To Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated above and are addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.



Signature of Person Mailing Document(s)



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COVER SHEET FOR RECORDAL OF DOCUMENT (PATENT)

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 3.31, enclosed herewith is a document for recordal in this case.
The following information is provided:

(1) Name Of Party Conveying The Interest:

Hong Heather Yu
Peng Yin

(2) Name And Address Of Party Receiving The Interest:

Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
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(3) Description Of The Transaction To Be Recorded:

☒ Assignment ☐ License
☐ Change of Name ☐ Other _____

(4) Application(s) and/or Patent(s) Against Which Enclosure Is To Be Recorded:

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☒ Application being filed concurrently herewith.
☐ Patent Number _____, issued _____

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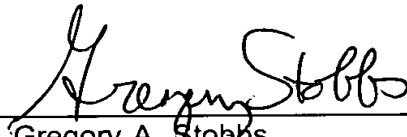
(7) **Date(s) The Document Was Executed:** October 16, 2000

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct, and if the attached is not an original document, the undersigned verifies that it is a true copy of the original.

If, for some reason, Applicants have not paid a sufficient fee, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any further fees which may be due. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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